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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Richard Allirot ) Examiner: Vu, Phuong T.  
Serial No.: 10/782,068 )  
Filed: February 19, 2004 ) Art Unit: 2841  
For: "AN I/O EXPANSION SYSTEM AND ) Our Ref: B-5383 621725-7  
A CONNECTOR THEREFOR" )  
 ) Date: July 29, 2005  
 ) Re: *Amendment and Response*  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on April 1, 2005, a response to which is due no later than October 1, 2005, the Applicant submits this amendment pursuant to 37 CFR. 1.114 together with a petition for a one-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR. 1.136(a). The commissioner is hereby allowed to charge deposit account no. 082025 of the amount of \$120 for the time extension fee set forth in 37 CFR.1.17(a)(1). Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.